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SUBJECT: U.S.-U.S.S.R. HOUSING AGREEMENT: TOPIC 10.03,
BUILDING MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS

1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER FROM DAVID M. DEWILDE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOUSING PRODUCTION AND MORTGAGE CREDIT, HUD, TO STANISLAV L. DVORNIKOV, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF GOSSTROY, WITH COPIES TO TROITSKY AND SIPKO OF GOSSTROY. ORIGINAL LETTER BEING BROUGHT TO MOSCOW BY DOUGLAS FREEMAN, A MEMBER OF U.S. TEAM ARRIVING IN MOSCOW NOVEMBER 16 FOR MEETING OF WORKING GROUP 10.05, BUILDING FOR EXTREME CLIMATES.

2. "DEAR MR. DVORNIKOV: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTERS OF SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 10. I APPRECIATE THE CAREFUL ATTENTION YOU HAVE GIVEN TO PROPOSING WORK PROGRAMS AND SCHEDULES FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON BUILDING MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS UNDER THE U.S.-U.S.S.R. AGREEMENT ON COOPER-
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ATION IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION. I

ASSURE YOU THAT I AM EAGER TO MOVE FORWARD IN DEVELOPING PROJECT AREAS FOR THE WORKING GROUP.

"UNFORTUNATELY I DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR LETTERS AND PROGRAM

PROPOSALS UNTIL A SHORT TIME AGO, AND WE HAVE NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO STUDY THEM CAREFULLY. I APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTION THAT OUR WORKING GROUP MEET SOON, WITH NOVEMBER 17 YOUR PROPOSED STARTING DATE, BUT DUE TO THE LATE ARRIVALS OF YOUR PROPOSALS, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE PREPARATIONS SOON ENOUGH TO MEET IN NOVEMBER. THE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AGREED TO IN JUNE 1976 BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE CALLS FOR A MEETING OF OUR WORKING GROUP DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1976, AND THAT IS WHEN I SUGGEST WE MEET IN MOSCOW. I WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET AS EARLY IN THE QUARTER AS POSSIBLE SO AS NOT TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR 1976 WORK PROGRAM, BUT WE WILL NEED SOME TIME IN WHICH TO INVOLVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM U.S. PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL FIRMS.

"IN GENERAL, I ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR OUR FIRST MEETING; HOWEVER, WHEN I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO STUDY IT I MAY WISH TO SUGGEST SOME ALTERNATIVES. I HAVE ASKED THAT YOUR PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER CERTAIN PROJECTS BETWEEN WORKING GROUPS BE CONSIDERED ACCORDING TO THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED IN JUNE BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

"AS SOON AS I CAN I WILL SEND YOU ALTERNATE DATES OF OUR WORKING GROUP MEETING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION ALONG WITH THE NAMES OF THE U.S. MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP.

"AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTERS. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU SOON IN MOSCOW, AND I ANTICIPATE A MUTUALLY REWARDING AND BENEFICIAL PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES IN OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. BEST PERSONAL REGARDS, DAVID M. DEWILDE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOUSING PRODUCTION AND MORTGAGE CREDIT, HUD." KISSINGER

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